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IN RE APPLICATION OF HAN ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/728,653

FILED: 12/01/2000

FOR: Alpha-Ketoamide Inhibitors of Hepatitis C Virus NS3 Protease

EXAMINER: David Lukton

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action related to application no. 09/728,653 and dated November 19, 2002, the applicants submit the following items:

- a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
- a complete reply under 37 CFR 1.111

An additional copy of the petition is provided for the Examiner's convenience. If any issues remain regarding the allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the applicants' agent, James Epperson, at 203-677-6974.

Respectfully submitted,

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Request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.111

The Office Action dated November 19, 2002 was set with a three month shortened statutory response period ending February 19, 2003. The applicants have filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a three month extension of time expiring May 19, 2003.

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2002, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of application 09/728,653.